

NEWSLETTER

Monday 8th September 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I am delighted to be able to write my first letter of the new academic year. It was such a joy to see the children again after the summer break and it was lovely to see so many of you smiling as you brought them through the school gates. One mum was going home, 'to put her feet up with no interruptions!'

This week, we have had the pleasure of welcoming several new children to our school, across all classes. Last Thursday, we welcomed our new Reception children who astounded me with how well they came into school on their first day and immediately began engaging in their learning. We also had an unplanned fire drill which they coped with admirably on their first day.

Here at Woodcock Hill, the needs of the children are always paramount in the life and decision making within the school. We strongly believe in providing children with exciting, creative, and meaningful learning experiences which build their enthusiasm for learning and help them to grow and develop positively in a variety of ways. With this in mind, staff have been busy improving the school environment over the summer and I am extremely appreciative of the amazing staff team I have here at Woodcock Hill. On behalf of the governors and myself, I would like to thank them for giving up so much of their own time to benefit the children.

Furthermore, we are currently having remedial repairs carried out to our school roof and exterior – please be mindful of this when bringing your children to, and collecting them from, school.

Finally, this newsletter contains all the key dates for the year ahead so please keep it safe.

With very best wishes

Mr Higgins

End of the School Day

Lessons end at **3.20pm** for Reception children and **3.25pm** for children in Key Stage 1 (KS1) and Key Stage 2 (KS2). Children are dismissed shortly after these times.



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DIARY

w/c 8th September Lunch Menu:
Week One

24th September 2025 – 9.10am

Year Six Parent Workshop:
KS2 SATs

1st October 2025 – 9.10am

Parent Workshop: SEND

October 2025

Black History Month

23rd October 2025 – 9.10am

Macmillan Coffee Morning

23rd October 2025

Parents' Evening

24th October 2025

Teacher Training Day

27th-31st October 2025

Half Term Week

31st October 2025

Deadline for Secondary
School Applications

3rd November 2025

Autumn Term² starts for children

10th-14th November 2025

Anti-Bullying Week

12th November 2025 – 9.10am

Reception Parent Workshop

14th November 2025

Children in Need
What will Mr Higgins
have to do this year?

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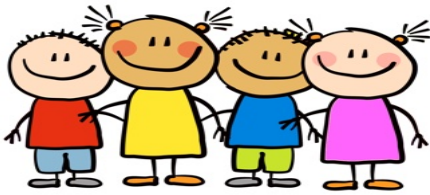
Friends of Woodcock Hill Primary School

Our PTA organise a huge number of events throughout the school year as well as supporting families with a uniform swap shop. This invaluable work is undertaken by a small number of our parents. If you would like to get involved, please contact our PTA via the school office.

Our School Values

In 2022, we worked with the whole school community to select our school values. Our values underpin our relationships with one another, our curriculum and everything that we do.

Each term we will focus more deeply on one of our values through our assembly themes.



Autumn Term ¹	Inclusivity
Autumn Term ²	Creativity
Spring Term ¹	Ambition
Spring Term ²	Perseverance
Summer Term ¹	Respectfulness
Summer Term ²	Independence

IMPORTANT INFORMATION for Year Six Parents

Applications open on 1 September 2025 for secondary school places for entry in September 2026. **The closing date is 31 October 2025 at 11:59pm.**

It is really important that you apply on time. If you apply late you are less likely to get offered a place at any of your preferred schools. **Applications received after the 31 October 2025 will be classed as late applications and will not be processed until after the offer of places in early 2 March 2026.**

Remember to list six different secondary schools. To make your online application go to:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

SAFETY REMINDER

Parents should **NOT** park across the school entrance (even if you are 'just dropping off your child') or park on the zigzag markings. To do so, could result in a fixed penalty notice. The school will not hesitate to inform the relevant authorities with vehicle registrations if such behaviours happen.

The safety and welfare of all children is of paramount importance.

FORWARD PLANNING: Term Dates 2026 - 2027

Autumn Term 2026

Term Starts:

Tuesday 1 September 2026

Half-term: Monday 26 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026

Term ends:

Friday 18 December 2026

Spring Term 2027

Term Starts:

Monday 4 January 2027

Half-term: Monday 15 February 2027 to Friday 19 February 2027

Term ends:

Friday 25 March 2027

Summer Term 2027

Term Starts:

Monday 12 April 2027

Half-term: Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027

Term ends:

Wednesday 21 July 2027

Our School Values: We are respectful, ambitious, creative, inclusive, independent and we persevere.

DIARY 2025-2026

AUTUMN TERM

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14th November 2025

Non-uniform:
Bottle Donation Day

21st November 2025

Non-uniform:
Chocolate Donation Day

26th November 2025 – 9.10am

Year Two Parent Workshop

27th November 2025 – 2.30pm

Christmas Fair

2nd December 2025 – 3.30pm

EYFS/KS1 Christmas
Movie Night

3rd December 2025 – 3.30pm

KS2 Christmas
Movie Night

5th, 12th, & 19th

December 2025

Christmas Jumper Days

10th December 2025

School Christmas Lunch

15th December 2025

Christingle Service
in school for children

16th December 2025 – 2.30pm

Carols on the Playground
led by KS2

17th & 18th December 2025

- 9.30am KS1 Nativity

19th December 2025

Christmas Parties & Disco

19th December 2025

Last Day of Autumn Term

22nd December 2025 –

2nd January 2026

Christmas Break

SPRING TERM

5th January 2026

Spring Term¹ starts for
children

14th January 2026 – 9.10am

Year Four Parent Workshop:
MTC

19th-23rd January 2026

Careers Week

4th February 2026 – 9.10am

Year Three Parent Workshop

4th February 2026

Parents' Evening

9th-13th February 2026

Children's Mental
Health Week

11th February 2026 – 9.10am

Year Five Parent Workshop

16th – 20th February 2026

Half Term week

4th March 2026 – 9.10am

Year Four's Class Assembly

23rd February 2026

Spring Term² starts
for children

5th March 2026

World Book Day

26th March 2026 – 9.30am

EYFS & KS1 Easter Assembly

27th March 2026

Last Day of Spring Term

30th March – 10th April 2026

Easter Break

SUMMER TERM

13th April 2026

Summer Term¹ starts for
children

7th May 2026 – 9.10am

Year Five's Class Assembly

21st May 2026 – 9.10am

Year One's Class Assembly

22nd May 2026

Teacher Training Day

25th – 29th May 2026

Half Term week

1st June 2026

Summer Term² starts for
children

15th-19th June 2026

School Grounds Week

25th June 2026 – 9.10am

Year Three's Class Assembly

30th June 2026 – 11am

Sports' Day and
Family Picnic

9th July 2026 – 9.10am

Year Two's Class Assembly

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**Our School Vision: Woodcock Hill Primary school will
create a happy and nurturing environment
where ambitions are unlimited.**

Class Teachers 2025-26

This year, your child's class teachers are as follows.

Launch Pad

Miss Boswell, Ms Croft
and Mr Hasnine

Reception Class

Mrs Harris and Mrs Winkett with
Miss Mills and Mrs Rees

Year One

Mrs Shannon with
Mrs Evans and Mrs Meddings

Year Two

Mrs Beranová with
Mrs Charles and Mrs Meddings

Year Three

Mr Whitcombe with
Mrs Cullen and Mrs Meddings

Year Four

Mrs Clarkson with
Miss Tildesley and Mrs Winkett

Year Five

Mrs Keating with
Ms Falaschi, Mrs Meddings
and Ms Narey

Year Six

Mrs Mitchell with
Mrs Meddings, Ms Silvester
and Mrs Winkett

Need Help?

Mrs Attwood and **Mrs Hogan** are available in our school office to support you with many aspects of school life. **Mrs Hall** is available to support you and your child with any pastoral needs.

Leadership Team

Woodcock Hill Primary
School's leadership team is:

Head Teacher

Mr D Higgins

Assistant Head Teachers

Mrs H Mitchell & Mrs S Nash

EYFS and KS1 Leader

Mrs W Shannon

KS2 Leader

Mrs V Clarkson

A Reminder

Children are **NOT** permitted to bring toys from home into school. They get lost, broken and swapped. This results in upset and lost learning time.

SUMMER TERM

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15th July 2026

Parents' Evening

16th July 2026 – 9.30am

Reception Class
Graduation Assembly

17th July 2026 – 9.10am

Year Six Leavers' Assembly

17th July 2026

School year ends for children

20th July 2026

Teacher Training Day

All dates and times are available on our school website's diary.

You can synchronise our on-line diary to your personal mobile devices.

Our School Governors

The Governing Body of Woodcock Hill Primary School is made up of people from a variety of backgrounds. The school governors are a group of individuals who are elected by parents and staff or co-opted by Birmingham local authority.

The role of a governor is to contribute to the work of the whole governing board in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children and young people in the school by setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction. Our Chair of Governors and our Clerk to Governors can be contacted via the school office.

Our Governors are:

Mr P. Court
Mr J. Dakin (Chair)
Mr D. Higgins
Mrs J. Jones
Mr A. Kirkman
Mrs S. Nash
Mrs G. Simm

Our Clerk to Governors is:

Mrs S. Nolan



Our School Mission: Together we EDUCATE, and MOTIVATE each other to ACHIEVE, regardless of background, in a modern, diverse United Kingdom.